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Federal Communications Commission

Subject: **Universal Service Fund (USF)**

Dear Commission Members:

The lack of high-quality wireless coverage in rural areas is a critical public safety issue for the residents of Wisconsin, and for the Wisconsin troopers who serve them. Without coverage, troopers and law enforcement officers cannot quickly and reliably deal with critical safety issues like natural disasters or other emergencies. Moreover, E-911 technology is useless in areas without wireless coverage.

Currently, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering placing a cap on the federal Universal Service Fund (USF), jeopardizing the communications resources available to citizens in America's more rural communities. Less USF support for rural wireless infrastructure development will leave Wisconsin with poor coverage, dropped calls and dangerous dead zones. This is unacceptable, and an unnecessary risk for the Wisconsin residents we want to serve.

Sincerely,

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